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4. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said determination means performs the determination using different criteria for at least one item of [a] remaining toner for forming an image, service life of a photosensitive drum for forming an image, whether a tray for outputting an image formed on a sheet is full, a predicted density value of an image to be formed, and remaining sheets for forming an image.

6. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising display means for performing display output based on the determination by said determination means.

11. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said determination means performs the determination using different criteria for at least one item of [a] remaining toner for forming an image, service life of a photosensitive drum for forming an image, whether a tray for outputting an image formed on a sheet is full, a predicted density value of an image to be formed, and remaining sheets for forming an image.

12. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising display means for performing display output based on the determination by said determination means.

14. (Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:  
check means for checking an attribute of an image to be formed;  
identification means for identifying a state of said image forming apparatus which may influence image formation; and  
control means for selectively performing, in accordance with a check by said check means and identification by said identification means, an operation of performing a warning about image formation and accepting an image formation request, an operation of accepting an image formation request without performing [any] a warning about the image formation, and an operation of not accepting [any] an image formation request.

15. (Amended) A method of controlling an image forming apparatus, comprising:  
[the] a check step of checking quality of an image to be formed; and  
[the] a determination step of performing permission determination of image formation using different criteria in accordance with a check in [the] said check step.

16. (Amended) A method of controlling an image forming apparatus, comprising:

[the] a reception step of receiving an image;  
[the] a check step of checking an attribute of a received image; and  
[the] a determination step of performing permission determination of image formation using different criteria in accordance with a check in [the] said check step.

17. (Amended) A method of controlling an image forming apparatus,  
comprising:

[the] a check step of checking an attribute of an image to be formed;  
[the] an identification step of identifying a state of [said] the image forming apparatus which may influence image formation; and  
[the] a control step of selectively performing, in accordance with a check in [the] said check step and an identification in [the] said identification step, an operation of performing a warning about image formation and accepting an image formation request, an operation of accepting an image formation request without performing [any] a warning about the image formation, and an operation of not accepting [any] an image formation request.

18. (Amended) A storage medium which stores a program for controlling an image forming apparatus, the program comprising program code[s of] for executing:

[the] a check step of checking quality of an image to be formed; and  
[the] a determination step of performing permission determination of image formation using different criteria in accordance with a check in [the] said check step.

19. (Amended) A storage medium which stores a program for controlling an image forming apparatus, the program comprising program code[s of] for executing:

[the] a reception step of receiving an image;

[the] a check step of checking an attribute of a received image; and

[the] a determination step of performing permission determination of image formation using different criteria in accordance with a check in [the] said check step.

20. (Amended) A storage medium which stores a program for controlling an image forming apparatus, the program comprising program code[s of] for executing:

[the] a check step of checking an attribute of an image to be formed;

[the] an identification step of identifying a state of [said] the image forming apparatus which may influence image formation; and

[the] a control step of selectively performing, in accordance with a check in [the] said check step and an identification in [the] said identification step, an operation of performing a warning about image formation and accepting an image formation request, an operation of accepting an image formation request without performing [any] a warning about the image formation, and an operation of not accepting [any] an image formation request.